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SUBJECT: NEW AFRICAN MANPOWER TRAINING PROJECT

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1. FOLLOWING USIS PAO DISCUSSIONS GURC EDUCATORS, IT CLEAR THAT GURC EDUCATION MINISTRY MANPOWER TRAINING PRIORITY IS TO ESTABLISH NEW UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, PROJECTED TO BEGIN OCTOBER 1977 AND PERHAPS OCTOBER 1976. EDUCATION MINISTER, UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR, VICE CHANCELLOR AND SECRETARY GENERAL HAVE ALL STRESSED IMPORTANCE U.S. ASSISTANCE THIS NATIONAL GOAL, GIVEN AMERICAN EXPERTISE IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND GURC DESIRE MULTINATIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN NEW UNIVERSITY.

2. VICE CHANCELLOR VICTOR NGU, GURC EDUCATOR CURRENTLY BEARING BULK OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLANNING THIS NEW UNIVERSITY, FURNISHED US ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS ADVANCE COPY OF REPORT HE HAS DONE FOR EDUCATION MINISTER FOLLOWING STUDY MISSION HE LED TO OBSERVE UNIVERSITY SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY KUMASI GHANA MAY 23-29 1975. REPORT RECOMMENDS IORITIES FOR ESTABLISHING FACULTIES AS FOLLOWS: ENGINEERING, AGRICULTURE, ART, SCIENCE, PHARMACY, SOCIAL STUDIES, ARCHITECTURE. REPORT ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT GURC APPROACH U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR PERSONNEL

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AND EQUIPMENT SUPPORT IN ESTABLISHING NUMBER ONE PRIORITY,

ENGINEERING FACULTY, WITH PERSONNEL SUPPORT TO INCLUDE BOTH TRAINING OF CAMEROONIANS IN U.S. TO TAKE-UP TEACHING POSITIONS UPON RETURN AND U.S. TEACHING STAFF IN CAMEROON.

3. REPORT RECOMMENDS THAT UNIVERSITY BE LOCATED IN RURAL AREA TO ENCOURAGE CONTACT BETWEEN UNIVERSITY AND RURAL LIFE AND PROBLEMS, WITH TECHNICAL CO-ORDINATION CENTER OF UNIVERSITY TO LINK UP UNIVERSITY FACULTIES WITH SPECIFIC CAMEROONIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN PROGRESS. PRESENT UNIVERSITY OF YAOUNDE SCIENCE PROGRAM WOULD BE RETAINED FOR FIRST YEAR OF SCIENCE STUDY WITH STUDENTS MOVING TO RURAL UNIVERSITY FOR FURTHER TRAINING. PRESENT POLYTECHNIQUE (ENSP) AND SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE (ENSA) DESCRIBED AS INADEQUATE AND WOULD BE MOVED FROM YAOUNDE TO NEW UNIVERSITY.

4. NEW UNIVERSITY WOULD CONTINUE TO ACCEPT STUDENTS FROM OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES, AS DOES PRESENT UNIVERSITY.

5. VICE CHANCELLOR NGU COMING TO U.S. ON CU IV GRANT MID-SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR WITH EXPRESS PURPOSE DISCUSS POSSIBLE USG SUPPORT NEW UNIVERSITY, MAKE CONTACT WITH AMERICAN FOUNDATIONS AND UNIVERSITIES WITH POSSIBLE INTEREST IN INVOLVEMENT. HIS KUMAS REPORT BEING POUCHED. EMBASSY/USIS/RDO HOPE CU/AF, USIA AND AID WILL COORDINATE MAXIMALLY TO BE RESPONSIVE TO NGU AND ASSIST IN ARRANGING SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM.  
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